               Systems Administrator Conference Call
                 Nov. 17, 1998, 10:00 CST

1.   Hardware Maintenance   St. Louis District (Alan Berman) is think
ing of dropping their
Intergraph Hardware Maintenance and wanted to know if other districts
 have done it and what
were the results. Rock Island, St. Paul, and Ft. Worth have all done
just that and have had no
problems. They either use time and material maitenance through Interg
raph or through local
vendors. Workstation components are all non-proprietary and are easil
y replaceable (except
perhaps mother board).   It is recommended that servers and plotters b
e left on Intergraph
Maintenance as the time and material contracts do not offer as quick a
 response time.

2. Plotting -- Rock Island District (John Kincaid) would like to know
 if anyone is doing batch
plotting to pdf format using Iplot and if so, how are they doing it.
 Currently, the only way
people have been able to get pdf files through Iplot is to have Iplot
Server and Adobe Exchange
loaded on the computer doing the plot. Also, the pdf driver prompts f
or a file name with every
plot so the process must be done interactively. Someone mentioned tha
t they thought Jack Smith
in Vicksburg District had figured out a way of using the Integraph Bat
ch Port to get the pdf plots
so that it didn't have to be done locally.   John Kincaid will give hi
m a call and send out to the
SFAC list any progress in this area.

3.   Archiving -- A question was brought up as to whether or not any d
istricts have written
archive procedures for electronic files. Although many districts were
 interested in having some,
not many have any in place. Rock Island District will send copys of t
heirs to St. Paul, St. Louis,
and Sacramento District. Those districts will edit them to help make
them more generic for all
districts and send them back to Rock Island. John will then send copi
es of the new generic
procedures to the SFAC list.

4. CADD Survey   John Kincaid is going to resend out the URL of the
CADD Survey with
minimum instructions and requests that all take a look and get comment
s back to him by 1 Dec.
1998. Please let him know that you have at least looked at it even if
 you have know comments.

He has received a few written comments already and a few more were dis
cussed during the
conference call. After Dec. 1, he will move it to a faster server, gi
ve it a new URL and send out
the district logins and passwords for final completion.   Intended us
e for survey is for districts to
be able to find out who is using what software and hardware in Corps s
o can call and find out
lessons learned and experiences with similar hardware/software.

5.   Workspace   The beta was supposed to have been delivered to Tri-S
ervices on 11/13/98. No
one has received it (including Tri-Services) at this time. Steve Span
gler is supposed to let Jean
McGinn and John Kincaid know when it is available and they will spread
 the word to the rest of
the beta test volunteers.

6.   EBS   A Bentley White Paper describing their short and long term
solution for EBS has been
given a very limited intial distribution. Once the comments from this
 distribution have been
incorporated and the paper cleaned up, it will be given a wider distri
bution. Intergraph and
SourceView have also shown interest in coming up with a solution (most
ly addressing the
continuous tone raster problem) but so far have not put anything in wr
iting. Also, the idea of
dropping Windows 3.1 support on the EBS was brought up as most of the
problems experienced
by contractors and contractors using Windows 3.1.   That subject will
be brought up to Justin
Taylor and/or the Executive Working Group.

7.   Project Directorys   John Kincaid is interested in seeing the Pro
ject Directorys structures (if
any) that people are using. Please share your structure with him and
he will share with others.

8.   Discussion on Computer Cloning and who is using what successfully
 to install new
computers in a short period of time.

9. SELECT Credits   John is expecting a quote back from Bentley somet
ime this week
regarding costs for providing 3 levels of Workspace Training.

        Level 1 - Develop a Training Guide and an Instructors Guide
for both users and
     administrators of the workspace.

        Level 2 - Provide Train the Trainer training at each divisio

n using the manuals written for
     Level 1.

          Level 3 - A price for pushing the training to the district l
evel. This would be
     informational for the districts and would not be paid for with po
oled Select Credits.

Once the quote has been received, John will send a letter to Chiefs of
 Engineering Divisions
explaining the credits, giving a recommendation on which level of trai
ning would be most
beneficial for the money, and asking the district to contribute a cert
ain percentage of their credits
to the credit pool to purchase the training. John is also working wit
h Toby Wilson and Harold
Smith to make sure there is no duplication of efforts with the Center.
   Rock Island District has
also asked the Tri-Service Center for a proposal to coe to Rock Island
 to give an A/E/C Standards
overview.

10.   If any district is currently successfully pushing down the lates
t Anti-Virus data lists to the
desktop, please forward that information to John Kincaid or the SFAC M
ail list.

11. Glen Kato is a member of the SOTG and will be going to the meetin
g on the 19th of Nov.

12. Next meeting: December 15, 1998, 10:00 CST, Phone # (404) 562-436
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